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PRESIDENTIAL REPORT

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This year's S.G.A. Executive had their first encounter with President Mullins on October 5th, 1966, and it was a meeting that left much to be desired. Because of council misunderstandings in past years due to the presidents acting on his own prerogative, E.G. the Lesage case, the current executive decided on a policy whereby at all official meetings involving S.G.A. policy, the complete executive, i.e. the president, french and english Vice-Presidents, and the Treasurer would participate. Further, in the manner in which we had divided authority it is necessary that the whole executive be present to give a balanced and coherent picture of our activities.

Admittedly, this meeting with President Mullins was an important one: we were asking for 10,000 dollars, or half our budget, in order to operate until Christmas; a report would have to be given on Frosh week, and questions had to be answered concerning the hiring of a permanent secretary. Thus, when I called the President's secretary to arrange an appointment, I told her that the executive would be coming up. Five minutes before the scheduled meeting, she verified the appointment, and told us that Mr. Mullins was waiting. When we reached his office, we were informed that the president was "out for coffee" and he did not return until a half-hour later; we waited at least that LONG for him to appear!

The first statement he made, (and this was the first time we had met with him) was "Don't you ever do as you are told? Things would be a lot different here if you would. I told you to come just the two of you, not Four!!!" The four of us were boiling at this reception! His tone meant in effect! "What's the idea of having these characters tag along with you, and don't they know enough to mind their own business?" We waited and waited and waited and waited IN SILENCE for the arrival of Mr. Ronald, the treasurer for the University, while Mr. Mullins occupied himself in looking over several papers on his desk and answering wrong number. Upon the arrival of the treasurer, Mr. Mullins ran through the itemized requisition stating the purposes for which we needed the money. He read the requisition through quickly the first time, to show us all how patently ridiculous the whole thing was, and then went over it again, point by point, commenting sarcastically on each item. A ready explanation was forthcoming for each, but we all agreed that 500 dollars should be subtracted in recognition of the fact that Mr. Mullins held financial power over us. He then pointedly asked Mr. Ronald if the auditors should not examine our books immediately, and Mr. Brown (S.G.A. Treasurer) replied that on his own initiative he had asked the auditor for advice, and had made an appointment with him. Mr. Mullins was duly impressed. He stated that sooner or later the books would have to be audited anyway, and we would bear full responsibility, the tone suggesting that it is only a matter of time till the auditors show how dishonest we were, and that until then the little children could go on playing. . . . On this note of trust and confidence in the executive, he signed the purchase requisition.

It might be pointed out here that all cheques made by the S.G.A. have to have the countersignature of Mr. Regimbal, a more than adequate check on the functioning of our financial system. But perhaps Mr. Mullins doesn't feel this same confidence. Certainly not a very good example of trust in those to whom he delegates authority.

The executive was not impressed with the proceedings and in a discussion in the S.G.A. office after the meeting, agreed that while President Mullins might not be responsible for the deplorable lack of university spirit and drive at Laurentian, he certainly wasn't helping the situation. Discussion brought out further reasons for Laurentian's inadequacy as a university, and it was decided that, if at all within our means, we would try to rectify the situation. For this, we needed support of the entire student body, a presidential report in Lambda suggested the best means of both giving a background to the problem, and determining the amount of interest you have in Laurentian. If we find the students to be with us, there is a follow-up feature for the French Lambda. If we find the students apathetic, the whole matter will be dropped. Lambda will release half page football pictures, and the S.G.A. shall devote its time to the social committee. The blame cannot be put on any one faction; we all, students, faculty, and administration have contributed to the situation, but I think the blame lies heaviest with the administration, especially with President Mullins.

PURPOSE

Therefore, my purpose in giving you this report, is to let you know exactly what is going on at Laurentian. The same comment of "I didn't know, should not apply after you have read this edition. It is just as much your responsibility as mine to rectify the situation. If you think that there is no problem, that everything is running as possible, if you are satisfied with Laurentian as it is, we might as well rename the S.G.A. the Social Committee, devote the whole budget to parties and dances, and forget university life as it should be in all its complex and numerous phases. Each Article, taken separately, may not seem like too much, or too important, but when you look at the overall picture, all these small issues gain in importance. Letters, comments, and criticisms are welcome: they can be left at the S.G.A. office any time between nine and five.

THE LAURENTIAN CHARTER

The Laurentian Charter contains the following vital stipulations: 1) Laurentian University is a federation of universities, not a system of affiliated colleges. There are four distinct charters, and each university functions academically through a college. The four colleges comprise the faculty of arts and sciences: They are not colleges of but colleges in the faculty.

2) Bilingualism, English and French, is in the essence of the charter, and all policies are to be subject to this stipulation. (And I might point out here that the purpose of Bilingualism at Laurentian, and the fact that Sudbury is approximately 40% french speaking were deciding factors which permitted the university to be built in Sudbury instead of North Bay.)

Now, let me paraphrase socrates words on the contract between the state and the citizen.

"If a person, (Be he president or not) does not like us after HE has assumed obligations here, and has seen the ways of the university, and made our acquaintance, HE may go where HE pleases and take his goods with HIM. But HE who still remains has given clear proof that we and the University are not displeasing to HIM, and that HE has no right to break the covenants and agreements which HE made with us at HIS leisure, namely to uphold the principles of the charter".

(Paraphrased from "Socrates on Cheating", by Alex Page from the magazine Liberal Education, May, 1963).

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It was with great disappointment received Mr Regimbal's communiqué telling us that PRESIDENT MULLINS had categorically and without proper explanation REFUSED our firm yet reasonable request to have our S.G.A. executive sit on the "USER'S COMMITTEE". We feel that our request for adequate representation on this committee is not only reasonable but compulsory. Eleven faculty and administration members will sit on this committee . . . to decide what OUR student building will be! We feel that this type of one-sided deal must come to an end . . . Therefore THERE WILL BE NO STUDENT REPRESENTATION ON THIS COMMITTEE UNDER THESE CONDITIONS!

BILINGUALISM AND BICULTURALISM

Consider the scandalous way Honorable Jean Lesage, past premiere of the Province of Quebec, was received here at Laurentian last year, and I quote the very words of the letter of protest the S.G.A. council sent to the board of governors.

October 5 1968

Members of the Board of Governors, Laurentian University, Sudbury, Ontario.
Dear Board Members,

The Students' General Association of Laurentian voted unanimously tonight to send you this letter, expressing our shock and resentment concerning the treatment accorded Premier Lesage by the administration of Laurentian University. Premier Lesage was not invited in the long time during which his visit was anticipated, despite the extremely successful receptions he had received on other Canadian campuses. In our unique identity, was it not infinitely more appropriate that this highly respected leader of French Canadians be given an opportunity to address Laurentian students, and more, that we be given an opportunity to show Mr. Lesage a real northern welcome?

We do not consider Mr. Mullins' last-ditch attempt to save face to be such an opportunity. Mr. Lesage was invited at a train station, one day in advance, with no warning to the students, for a breakfast at 7:30 in the morning. We are at a complete loss to explain these facts to our indignant student body, and question whether any adequate explanation is possible.

Yours sincerely, JIM STARK, President.

Consider the March 6, 1966 letter of protest of the French Vice-President on behalf of the French section . . . to President Mullins complaining because French was not being used any more at the students rallies where the administration were in charge. The particular rally in question was the Hockey Team rally in the great Hall, where approximately 800 students were present, part of which being the French section, and not one word of French was spoken by either President Mullins, Mr. Regimbald, or others. A complete translation of the English text was never asked for, nor was it wished for, but a few words in French would have made all the difference in the world, and would have shown at least some consideration to the French speaking students and teachers that were present. President Mullins has ignored the letter completely, and never did the French Vice-President get a reply. This shows the great "Prestige" we lowly students enjoy before the almighty administration.

Consider President Mullins statement to a national audience, (The Canadian Alliance) on May 1st, 1966, that "Bilingualism at Laurentian was a total failure", he being the person mandated and responsible to assure the success of this venture at Laurentian.

Consider the reply of Ottawa University's Rector, Father Guindon, before the graduation classes and Madame Vanier, wife of the Governor General, last May 27, 1966:

"A week ago today, my colleague, the President of Laurentian University in Sudbury stated to a national audience his 'personal belief that the concept of a bilingual university as developed over the past century at the University of Ottawa is wrong.' The ground upon which Professor Mullins based this attitude is this: 'It is wrong because we here at Laurentian University emulated our older sister in many ways, with the result that our experience, too, has been a failure thus far'."

Now, my knowledge of the University of Ottawa's long history enables me to sympathize with the frustration of my fellow president.

It is understood that total bilingualism in any institution can be only an ideal, but an ideal that obliges acceptance and the resolution to approach it. That ideal while remaining constant, must be accommodated in practice to fit the circumstances.

Institutional bilingualism does not operate in an unwavering straight line. Its course calls for constant adaptation — sometimes to the means available, sometimes to the demand and support for the purpose. We stand, however, on our submission to the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism that the example of the University of Ottawa's practice and experience has been of value to the Canada of yesterday and in the present climate of public opinion on this subject stands to be of incalculable greater significance for the Canada of tomorrow. To say that because the bilingual system developed by the University of Ottawa during the last 118 years is "unworkable" — despite the fact — on ground that its adoption elsewhere has been a failure after some five years of perhaps less than vigorous effort, backed by neither tradition nor skill in the techniques involved, is like disparaging Anglo-Saxon democracy because it has failed to run a smooth course during the first few years of the newly independent countries of Asia and Africa.

It should be evident that the pursuit of the bilingual ideal requires not only unfailing determination but that it entails considerable costs. We believe, too, that sacrifices in material advantages so that budgets can meet those costs also are justified. That, ladies and gentlemen, is our history and why we are here today, and here the way we are. The Bladen Commission's Report claims that "our future wealth (so) depends on education (. . .) that expenditure on education is properly looked on as investment likely to yield a high economic return." I can as truly say that Canadian unity so depends on bilingualism that expenditure on bilingual institutions must be looked on as investment likely to yield a high political and social return. But it takes more than money to accomplish this. It takes the magnetism of idealism and character to attract the professors and the students to share in the determination to make it possible. Here today, the University of Ottawa graduates a class larger than Laurentian's total enrolment and each of you is the living proof of the truths I speak."

Consider this statement from the Sudbury Star, page three, Wed., Aug. 10, 1966: "Stanley G. Mullins, President of Laurentian University, will address the group on the topic bilingualism as it pertains to Laurentian University, and other Universities that he has visited recently. President Mullins has said in previous statements that Bilingualism at Laurentian is a failure, and for this reason he will speak in the English Language only."

I could go on and on, but there are persons better able than I to tell of Mr. Mullins policy on Bilingualism. The French issue next week will contain a report on the brief submitted to the Minister of University Affairs honorable W. G. Davis, Q.C. which pertains to this subject. Also a resume of M. Mullins speech to the Canadian Alliance Club of Canada. But, the policy of bilingualism is NOT the only problem at stake. I now refer to the principles of the federated colleges.

FEDERATED COLLEGES

Do we have four federated colleges forming Laurentian University, or four federated colleges fighting for their existence within Laurentian University? The following factors seem to indicate that the administration does not truly believe in the principle of the federated colleges, and that an extensive and unqualified priority has been given to public relation, i.e. projecting an image to the public that does not really exist. The most current example of this game of petty politics is the CBC program, "Let's Sing Out". The following is part of a report given me by Robert DeFrate, President of the University of Sudbury Students Council:

"In early September we (U. of S.) received a letter from the Program 'Let's sing out'. We received the letter because it was understood at other universities (e.g. University of Toronto) only the colleges were allowed to bring in the program. We answered that we would bring them to Laurentian under the auspices of U. of S. having consulted with the S.G.A. and found that they were unable to handle it."

"We then asked for the great Hall through Mr. Lamire, and found that since it would have to be used all day Monday, it was out of the question. We asked for the gym and the answer was that we could use it only if the program was advertised as originating and under the auspices of Laurentian University. We decided to go to President Mullins personally. He asked us 'Why we persisted in calling ourselves University of Sudbury, and asked why we wanted to go on the air as U. of S. We told him that since we were making all the preparations, and paying all the expenses for advertising etc. the name of college should be represented. I now quote several of Mr. Mullins statements: 'If your residence was finished you could use that, and not mention Laurentian at all'. 'You are giving the people false impressions because you are a college and not a University'. We told him we were willing to say U. of S. college in our advertising etc. and his reply was that he would not allow us to go on the air 'from one of MY buildings'. 'I am certain that since you have the habit of saying University of Sudbury all the time you will say University of Sudbury on television. When questioned as to why you did this after the program, you will say that it was just a mistake'. 'Let's sing out' will go on the air from Mine Mill Hall, under the sponsorship of University of Sudbury. Even though Mr. Mullins preferred that it not go on at all if Laurentian's name couldn't be tagged to it. And this is not the only time administration policy has been 'My way or not at all'."

We who are told constantly that there are proper channels to go through, that procedures and regulations must unswervingly be followed, no matter how ridiculous and involved the red tape may be, were shown that there was an exception to the rule . . . that is when it happens to suit the purposes of the administration. Our constitution says that "The council represents all full time students in dealing with the administration and with other student government and organizations, within or without the University".

The point in question is the formation of the television and radio programs that will soon be broadcast on CKSO. The Television station was first approached by a private student working on an advertising commission of \$3,000 if he was able to sell CKSO a half hour program on Laurentian per week. This fell through, and CK offered him instead a free half hour spot on television for Laurentian students to present their views. To use Mr. Hart's phrase, "The ball was then picked up by interested parties in the administration". Thanks to Mr. Hart, and several very interested students we should have an excellent programme. What's my beef?

— I found out about this program only in the most indirect manner.

— It was just by accident that I was invited to a meeting in Mr. Regimbald's office by the producer of the radio show.

— At that meeting they were going to abolish the radio program because it was felt it would interfere with the effectiveness of the television station.

— And what effectiveness of the television? . . . That perhaps a few people in Sudbury would not be interested in both? . . . Because there was no faculty or administrative advisor to control the radio program?

— The television program was to be used to project an image of Laurentian University, and the chance could not be taken that enough people would see it, or that the right image would not be projected.

— What about the students who would profit from the radio experience.

— These programs were not to be aimed at the students, the students were supposed to do the work, but Laurentian image came first.

— It was much more important that the 'proper' image be given to Sudbury . . . the students came second.

Nor is this the first time that students were given second place at Laurentian. Thorneloe University was threatened with expulsion from Laurentian because of the fact that office space in the complex was not considered for them. Does the fact that Father Fillion is the best Librarian in Canada, or that we have the best folklore institute in Canada deserve disregard simply because they are affiliated with University of Sudbury instead of University College? . . . while Mr. Laderoute and the football team, pet projects of the administration are pushed into public 'image' with every possible resource? There is more than a slight discrepancy between the policies of the administration and the provisions of the charter.

WHAT HAPPENED DURING FROSH WEEK

If you look at it from an auditors point of view, which is the view the administration seems to favor, we lost \$2,500. The way I see it, we had one of the most successful frosh weeks in the History of Laurentian, and for the following reasons:

- 1) The total 'loss' amounted to only \$200 per student.
- 2) For the first time in Ontario and perhaps even in Quebec we brought together the top not second rate, but the top entertainment from both languages.

and we scheduled them for the same night, for the same audience. Anyone who has an iota of business sense knows that such a setup (especially under the conditions then existing then in Sudbury, e.g. the strike and compedition from Johnny Cash) could not expect to break even. We spent \$8,000 on that evening, we 'lost' \$1,400, but I consider every cent of that \$1,400 well spent. Further, we made the most important contribution to bilingualism and Biculturalism in the History of Laurentian. And the reception afterwards? It proved a mature, congenial atmosphere for students of the university to discuss the evenings performance . . . the crowning point of an evening you would have to go to Montreal to imitate.

3) We lost \$300 on C.N.I.B. night, i.e. we picked up the tab for the hall, the band, and the refreshments. A loss? We gained the respect and admiration of the whole city for contributing almost \$3,000 to the blind.

4) Bob and Susan . . . a free evening of entertainment for all Laurentian students with refreshments included.

The list could go on, but more than justifying the expense of Frosh Week. I would like to point out some of the insane situations that had to be dealt with.

When we first planned Frosh Week, we were told that there would be 800 freshmen and we based all our costs on this figure. On the last evening of Frosh registration we had only 275 frosh registered with us. The loss in revenues on Frosh kits alone could account for the 2,500 dollar loss. Permission for the gym for a dance was given and retracted no less than four times. The same situation is arising with regard to homecoming. How in hell can we provide an organized program of events when at every step we are balked by the administration?

In regard to financial matters, another S.G.A. or rather executive policy should be made public. We think that everyone should be willing to work for the S.G.A., but that no one should have to lose money in the process. It is enough that a student donate his time and energies without having also to subsidize his project. Thus he high bill during Frosh Week for gas, Taxi-fares, drycleaning, people at the gates etc. Another factor affecting the financial policy is the 'uniqueness' of Laurentian, and I am not speaking of Bilingualism and Biculturalism. Any student living in residence could live just as cheaply at any other university in Canada. Instead, the student moves into residence, or rents a room in town. Now he has no student's union building, he has no social or cultural life such as is available in Montreal or Toronto, he lacks the best library facilities etc., etc. ad infinitum. He pays his twenty-five dollars to the Student Councils. Must he, besides these privations, also lose that \$25 by investing in a students union building for the future or a reserve S.G.A. account that will be used for some presidents pet project, or should that \$25 be spend on him this year for his benefit? We prefer to spend the \$25 on him.

TRUST

Many of the previous articles indicate a complete lack of trust on the part of the administration. In the last issue of English Lambda, Mr. Holtby said "To Hell With Trust" . . . and he has a point. When several people asked Mr. Regimbal why the hike in tuition fees, when all indications seem to indicate the gradual abolishing of fees, he replied that he did not know, and referred them to President Mullins. The Presidents answer was something to the effect of "How do you think we got our football team?" If this is the case, small wonder it was never publicized, although Huntington knew of the hike since last February. Could the administration have been ashamed of the fact? It seems like a most appropriate emotion when you consider, for example, the inadequacies of our library. Or is it a lack of faith in the academic quality of Laurentian . . . That we prefer our fame to rest on football and hockey rather than on academics, because we despair of academic prowess?

HOMECOMING

Mr. Cholette, President of the Alumni Association, had been urging me since August to find a chairman for the Homecoming Weekend. Unfortunately, or fortunately as the case may be, no such person was available, nor did anyone offer his service until two weeks ago. Mr. Syrnyk agreed to take on the task, and he was told that the Great Hall was reserved in the name of the S.G.A. The Saturday of Homecoming for a semiformal. He booked a band for that evening, and scheduled the activities around the semiformal. When I informed Mr. Cholette that we had contracted with the Sonny Musico Combo for that evening, he seemed a bit disturbed, and said he had made tentative arrangements with the 'Commodores' for us, but to go ahead with our plans, that everything was under control. A few days later we were again approached by Mr. Cholette, who informed us that Mr. Mullins was going to host a formal ball for the Administration, Faculty and Alumni on the Saturday we had booked, and that we would have to make other arrangements. There are a few problems involved with backing out of a contract, not the least having to pay them anyway, and there are many more problems involved in having to book a hall with only three weeks advance notice. However thanks to Mr. Syrnyk, most of the difficulties were ironed out, and we have a good weekend of entertainment planned for homecoming.

But there still remained a slight problem. The Hockey Game ended at 9:00 the same evening the President's formal Ball was scheduled for. Once more Mr. Cholette comes on the scene: "If anyone can get Mr. Regimbal to move the hockey game back the S.G.A. can . . . you can talk him into it". However, Mr. Regimbal was not found to be so tractible, and the game remains scheduled for 7:00. Seems that Mr. Cholette had it moved up from 4:00 in the first place. What in hell goes on here?

FACULTY

If any one inanimate object has been cursed at Laurentian, I am sure that the 'high table' is at the top of the list if those most cursed. To my mind, it is a symbol of the death of the spirit that made Laurentian a university in past years. Traces of this spirit are still visible on campus only because of the college residences . . . where professors and students can communicate with each other. How else are we to obtain an academic spirit? Can students by themselves feel that they have come to an intelligent end in a discussion, or do we come away with feeling of the blind being led by the blind. There is a sense of inferiority when it comes to academics: some are ashamed to show themselves interested in Rousseau or Chaucer instead of football and hockey; some feel that if they make a blatantly ignorant comment they will be shunned for life some that to show themselves religiously or morally conscious is a sign of

weakness. "A man need not relinquish his faith to be intellectually respectable nor his intellect to be faithful". And who can show us this better than the professors? And how in hell can they show us if they are segregated?

Professors will say that the head table is the only chance they have to meet other members of faculty. Would they not meet just as often in group discussions . . . probably find others of the faculty with the same interests? If you must be segregated, why put on a display for the students? Why not a private dining hall?

Anyone who has been in a club or society with a faculty advisor knows how much the student benefits from the prof. Some professors say that they will be only too glad to eat with the students, if they are invited. There is a certain amount of shyness in the new student, and in most cases a healthy respect for the members of faculty. How would you have him phrase his question? "Please sir, would you come and join us?" It's easy to formulate, but hard to get out, and in most cases the prof. is quickly walking past, and the student doesn't get a second chance to ask. I can't think of a single case where a prof. sat down with the students and felt unwelcome. Therefore I ask the professors to take the initiative. If for lack of any other topic, you can always criticize Laurentian in your position as having come from another university . . . you will be suprised how willing we all seem to be to hear Laurentian criticized. You may even shock us by saying we have a good thing here . . . but you certainly will contribute nothing by remaining in the blue chairs.

You have never been invited to student activities? Consider yourself formally invited to every university activity on campus. If an oversight has been committed, and you do not receive a written invitation, come along anyways, and welcome!

FUTURE S.G.A. POLICY

It seems we have so overreached ourselves in external affairs and spread our meager facilities so thin, that the whole S.G.A. is on the verge of collapse. There are not enough people to fill the many vacant posts and the student body in general doesn't seem to care. The editorship of Lambda is the most important and influential position on the S.G.A., and if properly handled can wield more power than the entire executive. Yet each year we have to beg people to take the position. Our English editor this year is a first year student, who when he was appointed, knew very little of university affairs especially those of Laurentian. How many English majors in second and third are there whose particular Forte this should be? Appointing Brian David was an act of defiance on the part of the executive towards you english majors in particular, but never a protest was heard. You never asked if he was qualified, never volunteered him your services. So let me introduce Brian David, 1st class student, features editor for the Sault Star for a year, and the person who will show you how a newspaper should be run!

Next council meeting, I am going to put forward a motion to abandon the yearbook (for lack of an editor among other things), to cut ourselves off from external affairs for a year until we clean our own house, i.e., establish and ratify a constitution, and have it approved by the Board of Governors, give the treasure extensive new powers present an interim constitution with detailed committee responsibilities, and move hat several uninterested members of council vacate their seats. And if you don't want any or all of these things, you had better get hold of your representative on council immediately, because they are the only ones who can stop me and if you don't care why should they.

STUDENT APATHY

Let me tell you about the glorified high-school overlooking three beautiful lakes in the heart of etc. etc. The students there don't have to gather at Murray's to revel over the fact that Jack is no longer going steady with Jill . . . we've got a cafeteria for them to indulge in such profound speculation. We don't have to form ranks in the stag line in front of the Coulson to whistle at the girls or comment on their assets, we have a row of tables where you can call your freinds over, to mentally strip the girls and speculate on their bedroom potential. Ah yes, and the rising young diplomats who come running to me enthused with great ideas: Ideas like a P.A. system that could blare into every class that Michael forgot his lunch and would he please pick it up at the maildesk; Ideas like a plebiscite to determine the kind of music we should have in the great hall after we picked it for piped in music. And the cries of despair over drastic changes in S.G.A. policy, for instance that the Christmas ball will be a formal, and that the 'gentlemen' will have to wear tuxedos. Tak, tak. But to the announcement that we are dropping out of the Canadian Union of Students there is no comment. Only one council member came into the office in the past two weeks since the matter first came up to get information on the subject. Everyone on campus is asking when the next dance is, but not a soul has approached any member of council concerning the fact that there is no English Cultural Committee. The French section, comprising only one fifth of the school not only has a functioning cultural committee, but has brought in one of the most noted Canadian companies to present 'The Barber of Seville'.

I accuse the student body as a whole of unmitigated selfishness. Three hundred frosh came out to see the Brothers Four, half that number for the C.N.I.B. drive. Volunteers could be found for every facet of the Homecoming Weekend, but no one was interested in organizing a red cross blood cline for October 18. . . although three hunder students came up to the S.G.A. offices to order jackets. There were too many other things, social events, going on to allow time for this venture. People come to me wanting to picket everything from the road and bus service to the Capitol Theater when it threatened not to honor Laurentian Student cards; all eminently impractical, but selfishly so; did anyone want to organize a search for the two year old who was lost at Grundy Lake? Eminently impractical, but at least a sign of interest in something beyond one's self. For day trips to Quebec we can organize and no lack of volunteers; did you ever stop to think about the number of reservations between here, and say Chapleau where four days of students contributions might make a world of difference in the lives of people? And while I'm on the subject, how come we can raise \$600 in a shoe shine campaign to buy grenades or whatever it is we buy for revolutionists in foreign lands, while Catholic Charities, or what have you in town are never heard of? Too close to home? Might have to work too close to human misery

and poverty for a while? Ah, but you prefer to hide in our modern washrooms and ultramodern heating systems where the only thing you have to worry about is what brand of canned peaches will be served on the meal line tonight. Smart move that!

I accuse you of halving the limited horizons and perspectives of any kid in grade eleven in town . . . of knowing no more than he does of character, life, or love. You laugh at one student because he leads a Scout Troop in town, at another because she goes home every weekend to teach Sunday School, at a professor because he wears the same suit all week. Viet-Nam, Red China, and segregation are as far from you as your definition of love is 'free love' . . . how long it will take you to break down a girl the love life of the girl at the next table is close . . . and all discussion revolves around it, and sure you are of her sex habits. But you still have to get tanked up before you take her out. University? Universal? Certainly not! Rather, so self-centered that beside you a clam would be considered a social animal.

WHAT TO DO?

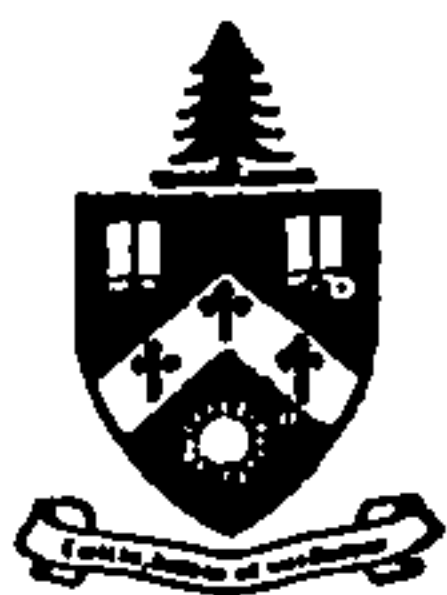
I have painted the picture of Laurentian rather black, but I don't think I have exaggerated. There are many people and institutions at Laurentian worthy of unlimited praise: to name only one, Dean Cloutier, whose life is totally devoted to the betterment of Laurentian University; or the memorial ceremony for Jim Robinson that

the Huntington students participated in . . . but these are exceptions rather than the rule.

When Mr. Cholette announced that we would have to find another date for our dance but not to worry because the executive would be getting complimentary tickets to the formal; when the assistant manager of the cafeteria insists that he will bring me up a special plate but for heavens sake not to raise hell just because the other 300 students in residence have to pay 80 cents for a plate of beans and a preserved peach, I start to wonder. It appears that this is accepted practice at Laurentian. Or, again, when I look at the records in the S.G.A. office, and find that councils have been agitating for a bar since 1962, and every time new excuses have been given by the administration, although they endorse a 'Nag's Head Tavern' for students. And what about the old excuses: the student body is underage, or "Young people don't know how to behave themselves when they drink"? These two at least no longer hold water. The Nurses graduation ceremonies were held in the Great Hall over the summer and the average age of the nurses was 19. The adult's bashes that have been sponsored by the administration for publicity purposes, and that have been held at Laurentian all through the summer, with broken bottles and smashed windows and doors are notorious . . . but this is excusable . . . they were adults, not students! And when drunken highlander comes staggering into one of the girls' rooms in the U. of S. residence at three o'clock in the morning, from a 'Stag' in the great hall, I start to wonder about the policy of the President in renting the Great Hall.

It seems that a policy has been followed whereby our requests for a bar (as well as most of the other things the students ask of the administration) have been put off until Christmas with Mr. Reginald advocating "Patience, patience, patience". After Christmas no replies will be given to the letters and petitions because there is only a period of two or three months until we are gone, and the game can start all over again with new faces on the merry-go-round.

So now you know what's going on at Laurentian, what do you think about it? More important, what are you going to do about it? Are the students here for the administration or is the administration here for the students?



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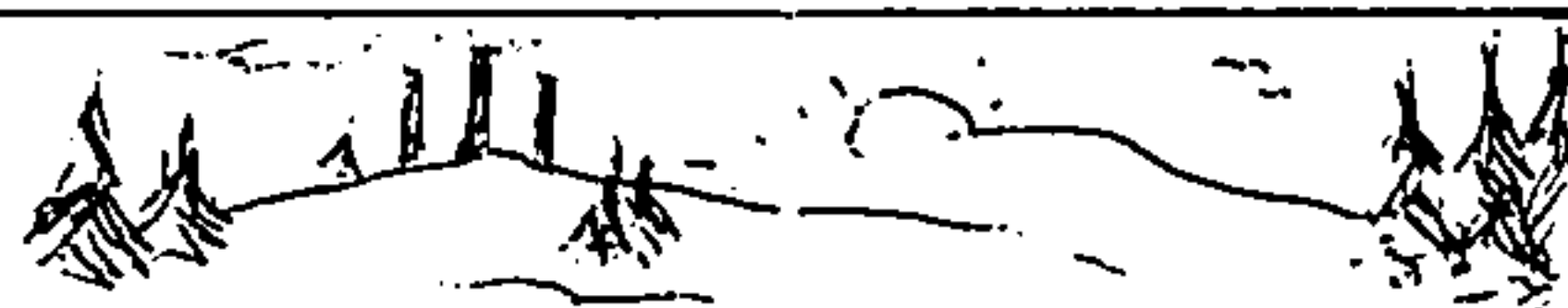
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